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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dower et al.

Application No: 10/083,768

Group Art Unit: 1647

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Examiner: Spector, Lorraine

Title: *PEPTIDES AND COMPOUNDS THAT  
BIND TO A  
THROMBOPOIETIN RECEPTOR*

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT and  
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A peptide having a molecular weight of less than about 8000 daltons, and comprising a sequence of amino acids (SEQ ID NO:2):

X<sub>1</sub> X<sub>2</sub> X<sub>3</sub> X<sub>4</sub> X<sub>5</sub> X<sub>6</sub> X<sub>7</sub>

where X<sub>1</sub> is C, L, M, P, Q, V; X<sub>2</sub> is F, K, L, N, Q, R, S, T or V; X<sub>3</sub> is C, F, I, L, M, R, S, V or W; X<sub>4</sub> is any of the 20 genetically coded L-amino acids; X<sub>5</sub> is A, D, E, G, K, M, Q, R, S, T, V or Y; X<sub>6</sub> is C, F, G, L, M, S, V, W or Y; and X<sub>7</sub> is C, G, I, K, L, M, N, R or V;

and having a detectable label covalently attached to said peptide.